

## Questions

4. What action, in detail, is being taken to acquire ownership of this remaining acreage?

5. Have there been negotiations with the government of Quebec regarding the acquiral of lands owned by the crown in the right of the province of Quebec?

6. If so, who has conducted such negotiations and when have such negotiations been held?

7. What is the present state of such negotiations?

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works):** 1. The total area in the Gatineau park is approximately 83,300 acres.

2. Of the above acreage approximately 68,000 acres are now owned by the National Capital Commission.

3. Of the remaining acreage, the following areas are owned by: (a) The crown in the right of the province of Quebec, approximately 10,550 acres. (b) Individuals approximately 5,210 acres. The balance of approximately 4,540 is comprised of lakes.

4. The answers to question 4 are: (a) the acquisition of lands owned by the crown in right of the province of Quebec is dealt with in answers 5, 6 and 7 below. (b) The land owned by individuals is being purchased when available on the open market when there is a reasonable land and building value relationship which can be supported by appraisal information.

5. Yes.

6. The province of Quebec, through the minister of lands and forests, has been carrying on negotiations since 1961 with the National Capital Commission through its chairman.

7. The province of Quebec and the National Capital Commission are continuing negotiations for a property exchange involving provincial land in Gatineau Park and Commission land adjacent to the northwestern boundary of the city of Hull.

RESTORATION OF RICHMOND  
LANDING, OTTAWA

**Question No. 1,987—Mr. Bell (Carleton):**

1. Has the National Capital Commission prepared at any time plans for the restoration of Richmond Landing near the foot of Chaudière Falls, in the national capital?

2. If so (a) what was the nature of those plans (b) what has happened to those plans?

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works):** 1. Yes.

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2. (a) The plans provide for the acquisition and redevelopment of the site as part of a park and historical restoration project. Existing structures associated with the origins of Ottawa would be restored and converted to museum and restaurant uses. (b) The land required to carry out the project has been acquired. The plans have not been developed in any greater detail because they are closely related to the plans for LeBreton Flats which are under study.

## APPROVAL OF N.C.C. BUDGET

**Question No. 1,990—Mr. Bell (Carleton):**

1. On what date was the capital budget of the National Capital Commission for the year 1965-66 first approved pursuant to the Financial Administration Act?

2. Were any revisions made after such approval?

3. If so (a) on what date or dates (b) what was the nature, in detail, of such revision or revisions?

4. Did the expenditures exceed in any particular the approved budget or budgets?

5. If so, in what particular and for what reasons?

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works):** 1. 13 May 1965.

2. Yes.

3. (a) revision submitted January 21, 1966 was approved on February 24, 1966. (b) The total capital budget for 1965-66 was reduced from \$24,143,000 to \$24,044,000. The reduction of \$99,000 is detailed as follows:

1. Property acquisition—\$12,600,000 to \$11,800,000, reduction (principally due to a reduction of one million dollars provided for the green belt), \$800,000; 2. Parkway development and improvements, \$1,110,000 to \$1,728,000, increase (principally due to an increase of \$700,000 for the construction of the Ottawa river parkway), (\$618,000); 3. Park development and improvements, \$303,000 to \$281,000, reduction (minor adjustments), \$22,000; 4. Miscellaneous construction, \$630,000 to \$635,000 (minor adjustments), (\$5,000); 5. Repayment of loans to acquire properties, \$1,000,000 to \$1,100,000, increase (additional provision required), (\$100,000); net reduction, \$99,000.

Further, projects up to \$50,000 were grouped for control of expenditures in the original capital budget. In the revised capital budget, projects up to \$100,000 were grouped for control purposes.